

Claim 46 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's remarks to correct typographical errors. Thus, all claims dependent on claim 46 are now in condition for allowance. Claim 55 has been canceled by this response. In view of the amendment to claim 46, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 54, 56 and 57 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 54, 56 and 57 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zandberg '574 in view of Schiffer '757 or Jesiolowski '464.

Claims 54, 56 and 57 have been canceled by this response. In view of the cancellation of claims 54, 56 and 57 it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 58 and 59 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 58 and 59 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zandberg '574 in view of Schiffer '757 or Jesiolowski '464 as applied to claims 54 and 56 above, and further in view of Vandeventer '275.

Claim 58 has been canceled by this response. Claim 59 has been amended to be dependent on claim 53. The base claim for claim 53 is claim 46, which is now in condition for allowance. In view of the amendment to claim 59, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and thus should be withdrawn.

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Claims 46-53 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. These claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's remarks and thus it is respectfully submitted that they are allowable.

Claim 59 has been amended to be dependent on claim 53. The base claim for claim 53 is claim 46, which is now in condition for allowance taking into consideration the Examiner's remarks with respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 59 is allowable.

As all the claims in the application (Claims 46-53, 59 and 61-65) are in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the examiner pass this application to issue.

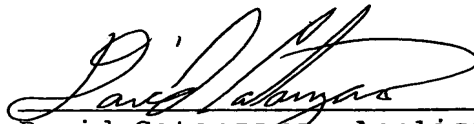
Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

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Alternatively, should the examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, she is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance.

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